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JURY CONVICTS SAN ANTONIO MALE IN HEROIN CASE

U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that a federal jury in Del Rio has convicted Roy Gomez of eight counts of Conspiracy to Possess and Import Heroin and Methamphetamine; Possess with Intent to Distribute Heroin and Methamphetamine; and Importation of Heroin and Methamphetamine. As a result, Gomez faces ten years to life in federal prison and a maximum \$2,000,000 fine.

At the two day trial, the government showed that on January 10, 2006, the Defendant, along with co-defendants Samantha Ann Eguia, Sara R. Chavez, and Ruben Rodriguez, entered the United States from the Republic of Mexico at the Eagle Pass Port of Entry. Their vehicle was selected for secondary inspection. After each female received a pat down inspection, 4 heroin and 1 methamphetamine packages were recovered. A total of 347.8 grams of "Black Tar" Heroin and 24.5 grams of Methamphetamine were recovered.

At trial, it was shown that Roy Gomez, along with co-defendant Ruben Rodriguez, organized a trip to Mexico to purchase heroin and planned to use the two female co-defendants as body smugglers. Once the heroin arrived in the United States, Roy Gomez planned to cut the bulk load down in order to sell personal use amounts in San Antonio.

Sentencing for Gomez is scheduled for 9:00 am on January 29th, 2007, before United States District Judge Harry Hudspeth.

This case was investigated by the Customs and Border Protection Officers and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Assistant United States Attorneys Jeremy Sibert and William Schultz are prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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